

I do not support the removal of any FCC restrictions currently governing media ownership. In fact, to the contrary I feel that deregulation initiated in 1996 has contributed greatly to the degeneration of quality content available to consumers and has served only to enable a growing profit driven monopoly of news and culture. Our nation's cherished free press has also become tainted with gross conflicts of interest resulting in big business corporate news agencies refusing to provide the public with proper coverage of important large scale issues that might negatively impact the increasingly vertically partnered media industry. This fact can most easily be exemplified by the virtually nonexistent coverage of the current FCC hearings on any major network. Were it not for independent news agencies and the internet, the public would have almost no knowledge of this enormously important issue and the ramifications our society will bear should the FCC choose to appease the pressure of the media industry. We need more regulation, not less.